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1. WE RECOGNIZE DEPARTMENT'S WISH LET GRZ UNDERSTAND DEGREE
OF USG DISPLEASURE OVER ZAMBIAN PERFORMANCE AT UN ON
KOREAN ISSUE BUT WE FAIL UNDERSTAND LOGIC OF USING CANCELLATION
OF SPECIAL SELF-HELP FUNDS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE. FOLLOWING
CONSIDERATIONS ARE PERTINENT:

A. CANCELLATION OF SELF-HELP PROJECT OF ONLY \$10,000 IS SO
INSIGNIFICANT IN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PICTURE HERE THAT EVEN
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IF THIS ACTION WERE BROUGHT TO GRZ'S ATTENTION, WHICH WE DO NOT

RECOMMEND, IT WOULD HARDLY SERVER AS CREDIBLE PUNISHMENT O
EFFECTIVE FUTURE DETERRENT.

B. SELF-HELP PROGRAM IS IMPORTANT NOT SO MUCH FOR ITS CONTRI-
BUTION TO ZAMBIAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AS IT IS TO EMBASSY IN
ITS LOCAL RELATIONS AND IN SHOWING ZAMBIANS
OAT DESPITE LACK OF
BILATERAL AID PROGRAM, PEACE CORPS OR OTHER FORMS OF
ASSISTANCE, WE ARE INTERESTED AT PERSONAL LEVEL IN NEEDS OF SMALL
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM (E.G. SCHOOLS,
CLINICS, NURSERIES, COOPERATIVES, ETC.), FOR MANY OF WHICH THIS
PROGRAM PROVIDES FIRST CONTACT WITH AMERICANS. CANCELLATION OF
PROGRAM WILL HURT THESE INSTITUTIONS, WHICH HAVE NO ROLE IN
FORMULATION OF ZAMBIAN POLICY AT UN, AND LIKELY HAVE NO EFFECT
ON GRZ ITSELF. COULD ALSO COMPLICATE STATE/AID RELATIONS WITH
SOME CONGRESSMEN WHO HAVE SHOWN STRONG INTEREST
IN THIS PROGRAM HERE, E.G. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS.

C. THERE IS SOMETHING SO PETTY ABOUT CONTEMPLATED ACTION ON
SELF-HELP PROGRAM THAT IT DOES NOT SEEM WORTHY OF GREAT POWER
LIKE OURSELVES, HOWEVER UNHAPPY WE ARE--AND WE SHARE THIS
FEELING WITH WASHINGTON--ABOUT ZAMBIAN PERFORMANCE AT UN.

D. IF WE REALLY WANT MAKE GRZ AWARE OF US DISPLEASURE IN
EFFECTIVE WAY, IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE CONSIDER LIMITING
EXIM EXPOSURE HERE OR REFUSING ENTERTAIN EXPECTED REQUEST
FOR MAJOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT
RECOMMEND THESE COURSES EITHER BECAUSE THEY WOULD ADVERSELY
AFFECT US INTERESTS AND OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS HERE FAR MORE
THAN SHOULD GRZ'S OPPOSITION TO US ON THE KOREAN ISSUE.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER ITS DECISION ON SELF-HELP
FUNDS.
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